

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on January 2, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner Dennis Drake, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

Commissioner Drake led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED OFFICIAL: COMMISSIONER ALAN D. GARDNER

Washington County Clerk-Auditor Kim M. Hafen administered the Oath of Office to newly-re-elected Commissioner Alan D. Gardner.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for December 19, 2012, through January 2, 2013
- Consideration of Commission Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2012, September 26, 2012, October 2, 2012, October 24, 2012, November 13, 2012, November 20, 2012, and December 4, 2012
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
- Consideration of Applications for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes Cindy Richins, S/N I-22; Toy Box, LC, S/N SG-JCS-5; and Brett Wilkey, S/N H-DSHR-133
- Acknowledgment of Publishing: Notice of Adoption of Ordinances 2012-1026-O, 2012-1027-O, and 2012-1028-O on Saturday, December 22, 2012
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Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / None

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried

by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: CAROL HOLLOWELL

No presentations were made today.

PURCHASE REQUESTS / MARK BLANCH: NONE

There were no purchase requests for today's meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF JOINT RESOLUTION NO. R-2013-1692, A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT "DIXIE" BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW NAME OF DIXIE STATE COLLEGE OF UTAH

Chairman Eardley said that this joint resolution recommends including the name "Dixie" in the new name of Dixie State College, whatever that name may be. This joint resolution will be adopted this week by the City of St. George, and other municipalities have been invited to sign it, as well.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Joint Resolution No. R-2013-1692, A Joint Resolution Recommending That "Dixie" Be Included In The New Name Of Dixie State College Of Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley and Gardner voting aye.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No report was presented today.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Administrator Dean Cox commented on the number of hours the three Commissioners actually work in any given week compared to the twenty (20) hours they are credited for working in terms of payroll (as part-time employees). Each Commissioner serves on a variety of committees at the local, county, state, and federal levels. The Affordable Care Act specifies that any employer with fifty (50) or more employees who are working in excess of thirty (30) hours per week may provide health insurance to those employees.

Mr. Cox's recommendation is to recognize the time, energy and effort put forth by each Commissioner and, accordingly, change the numbers of hours worked per week to reflect

the actual hours worked from twenty (20) to thirty-two (32) per week, which would qualify them as being eligible for health coverage under the County's insurance policy

Although this is an administrative action, Mr. Cox wanted to present it publicly in an open meeting for purposes of transparency. Mr. Clarke clarified that no motion is required for approval of this action, which is done in an executive capacity rather than a legislative one.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

No items were discussed today.

Request A Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN